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In re Patent Application of

**Allen**

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Group: **1632**

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For: **TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING TRP GENE  
DISRUPTIONS**

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**April 22, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 22, 2002, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as the applicants believe a search of all the claimed subject matter would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of all the claimed subject matter is requested.

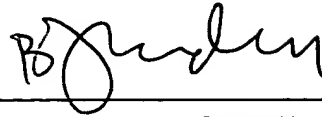
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